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1. A large transformer station is being constructed in Vác (H 65), Hungary. It is one of three large Hungarian stations which are to be part of a southeastern European power supply system proposed by the USSR; the other two are to be at Kisigmánd (Y 74) and in southern Hungary near the Rumanian border.
2. On 15 April 1952, work on the station at Vác was started. Six barracks at the project housed 100 workers from Budapest and the rest of the workers were drawn from the Vác area. Construction was under the direction of State Construction Trust 46 of the Ministry of Construction; strict security measures sealed off the Vác project and the workers were issued special identification documents by the AVH in Vác.
3. Worker dissatisfaction, especially with the pay led to a strike at the end of May 1952; the AVH was called in and a number of workers were arrested. With the exception of a certain Balint Ott, they were released after a few days. A chief engineer named Alajos Molnár became the representative of the dissatisfied workers.
4. A new method of mixing concrete which involved the use of steam was tried at this project. In the attempt to speed construction, not enough time was allowed for the concrete to set and, on 2 September 1952, the roof of the control house (Schalthaus), which was only two days old, collapsed. Chief Engineer Molnár was charged with sabotage and arrested.

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